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COMBAT EXCELLENCE - ALWAYS ON MISSION

FROM THE 124TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER **COL. RYAN RICHARDSON**



As you've all probably heard, my time as Wing Commander is coming to an end as I prepare to retire later this summer. Leading this wing has been an amazing privilege that I will forever be grateful for. I want to first say thank you to all of you, for your service, dedication, and commitment to our nation and state. It has been an incredible honor to serve with each of you. I am humbled and inspired by the incredible work each of you has done to accomplish our mission. I couldn't be prouder of what our wing has achieved together.

As I step out, I am extremely excited for our next wing commander. I'd like to extend a sincere congratulations to Col. Anthony "Congo" Skeesick as he prepares to take command. He has been an amazing teammate as deputy commander, and his experience across the wing will serve him well as he leads into the future (plus he has a pretty good mustache). I have full faith and confidence in his ability to lead this wing through whatever challenges lie ahead.

As we move through 2026, it is clear this year has already tested us. Following a demanding 2025 filled with deployments and exercises, we were met with an unexpected mobilization. Your ability to rapidly mobilize, deploy, and support Operation EPIC FURY demonstrated exactly who we are—disciplined, committed, and highly capable warfighters. Our support teams worked tirelessly to ensure Airmen were ready to go at a moment's notice, once again proving that mission success depends on every member of the team. Thank you all for your flexibility, resilience, and selfless service.

To our brothers and sisters downrange. Words cannot express my gratitude for what you are doing for our country. Thank you for your professionalism and skill as you take the fight to our nation's enemies. You are missed every day, and we are all excited for the day we get you home safely. To their families, your sacrifice does not go unrecognized. We see the demands placed on you when your loved ones are deployed. The wing stands ready to support you in any way we can. None of our Airmen serve without the support of their families, and we are grateful for your support and sacrifice.

If there is one constant in life, it is change. This wing stands on the edge of significant conversion as we prepare for the proposed move from our A-10s to F-16s. While it is never easy to close one chapter, I am confident in this team's ability to adapt, evolve, and excel. You have proven time and again that you are ready to meet the moment, and I have no doubt you will continue to do so in this next era.

While I am excited to start this next chapter, I will deeply miss being part of the team. It is the people I will miss more than anything. I am incredibly proud of what you have accomplished together and excited for what lies ahead for each of you. Continue to take care of one another, stay focused on the mission, and when in doubt...ATTACK!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve with you.

Go Guard, ATTACK! *Col. Richardson*

2026 PRIORITIES

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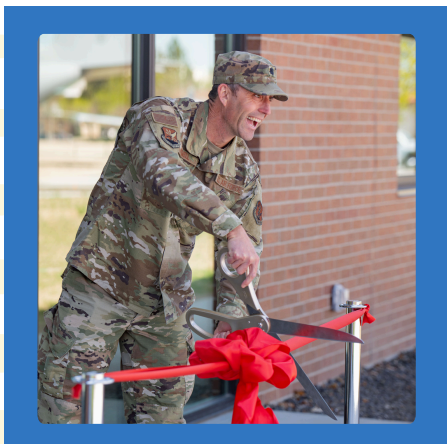


MISSION READINESS

- Fully engage in the technical, mental, physical, and medical readiness of each organization
- Provide the opportunity for our Airmen to train to a challenging and realistic threat environment that is applicable to their mission sets

RETAIN, RECRUIT & DEVELOP OUR AIRMEN

- Foster pride and unit identity with clear expectations, career engagement, and family/employer support
- Partner with recruiters to fill mission-critical vacancies to maximize strength
- Empower Airmen with leadership opportunities and decision-making to grow technical experts and future leaders.



POSTURE FOR THE FUTURE

- Sustain and modernize facilities that support our current missions, while also aggressively designing and planning for the upgrades required for our future fighter
- Pursue partnerships and training opportunities to best prepare our Airmen for future missions.

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U.S. Air Force Technical Sgt. Scott Ward, a mechanic with the 124th Fighter Wing's Vehicle Maintenance shop, sprays debris off a street sweeper at Gowen Field, Idaho, March 17, 2026. Cleaning the vehicle is one of the last steps performed before returning it operational status. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Jady Eisenbrandt)

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KEEPING THE MISSION MOVING: 124TH VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AT WORK

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Jadyn Eisenbrandt

Inside the 124th Fighter Wing's vehicle maintenance shop, Airmen work behind the scenes to ensure the vehicles supporting daily operations and flight missions remain ready at a moment's notice.

Responsible for maintaining a fleet of more than 200 vehicles, the vehicle maintenance shop plays a critical role in supporting units across the wing. The work of vehicle maintenance Airmen directly impacts mission readiness across the installation.

"The Idaho Air National Guard needs the vehicles for the mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Brett Johnson, the 124FW vehicle maintenance fleet manager. "Refuelers are needed to put fuel in the aircraft so they can fly. Firefighting vehicles have to be ready in case of an emergency. In the winter, de-icing vehicles keep aircraft operating safely. Without those, the mission stops."

While some vehicles directly support flight operations, others contribute to the day-to-day functions that keep the base running. General purpose vehicles support transportation across the installation, while material handling equipment and heavy machinery enable logistics and infrastructure support.

With so many moving parts, preparation and planning are essential. Each day begins with a production meeting where maintainers review schedules and assign tasks, balancing routine preventive maintenance with unexpected repairs.

“We try to plan things out, but it can change quickly,” Johnson said. “A vehicle can break down on the flight line, and we have to respond right away.”

When multiple units require support at once, mission critical assets take priority to ensure operations continue without interruption.

“If a fire truck is down, that impacts flying operations immediately,” Johnson said. “Those are the vehicles we focus on first. Everything comes back to supporting the mission.”

Though their work often happens behind the scenes, vehicle maintenance Airmen play a vital role in ensuring the 124th Fighter Wing remains ready.





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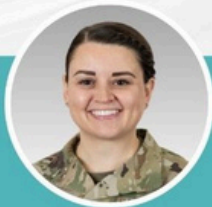
All airman and dependents ages 18+ are eligible to make a report of sexual assault through the 124th FW SAPR Office.

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DENIM DAY

On April 29, members of the 124th Fighter Wing were authorized to wear denim to take a stand against sexual assault and show support to survivors.

Why denim? The Denim Day story began in Italy in 1992, when an 18-year-old woman was raped by her 45-year-old driving instructor who was taking her to her very first driving lesson. He took her to an isolated road, pulled her out of the car, removed her jeans, and forcefully raped her. She reported the rape and the perpetrator was arrested, tried, and convicted of rape and sentenced to jail.

Years later, he appealed the conviction claiming that they had consensual sex. The Italian Supreme Court overturned the conviction, and the perpetrator was released. A statement from the Court argued that because the victim was wearing very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was not rape but consensual sex. Enraged by the verdict, the women in the Italian Parliament launched a protest wearing jeans on the steps of the Supreme Court. Denim Day was born.

Denim Day continues the discussion to dispel myths about sexual assault and consent, support survivors, and fight to hold people accountable for these types of crimes.



WOODLAND CAS AT

RAZORBACK RANGE

Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. Joseph Morgan



Tactical Air Control Party Airmen from the 124th Air Support Operations Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard, conducted close air support training at the 188th Wing's Razorback Range at Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas, April 20-21, 2026.



Razorback Range provides ASOS personnel across the country the ability to train in the mission of close air support in a unique, dynamic environment that is supported by the total force, including contract air.

Combat lethality requires effective communication between ground forces and aircrews. Training in an unfamiliar environment, like Razorback, develops the ability to rapidly adjust communication tactics, techniques and procedures.

“We’re the liaison between the ground force commander and the aircrew,” said Master Sgt. Tyler Herlihy, a TACP with the 124th ASOS and the joint terminal air controller instructor for the Razorback exercise. “The nature of our job is very reactionary. So, we train to tackle complex, dynamic situations in simulated combat environments.”

Executing CAS objectives often boils down to knowing what tactical assets are at play.

“Situational awareness is key for JTACs,” said Captain Roger Knizat, a flight commander for the 124th ASOS. “We must be aware of not only our targets, but of all friendly air and ground assets on the battlefield. These exercises allow us to set up communications networks in different environments to induce the chaos that can accompany talking to multiple air and ground assets at once.”

Intelligence and mission planning often establish the who, what and where of a tactical threat. It’s up to TACPs to respond quickly and with precision when threats arise.

“It’s important we do our due diligence and focus on mission planning and objectives, but the game plan often goes out the window on first contact,” said Herlihy.

“When it comes to reinforcing fundamentals and having a good operational baseline, places like this range provide a great opportunity to prepare ourselves for those moments.”

Focusing on fundamentals and TTPs aligns with another core principle of the ASOS - contingency planning.

“TACPs are proficient mission planners,” said Kzinat. “We work contingencies into our training and into our plans. You cannot anticipate when something will go wrong in the real world. If you have a well-developed plan and all players are on the same sheet of music, bombs will still make it to their target.”

The 124th ASOS emphasizes training at every level and in every environment, to remain always ready, always there.



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Lt. Col. Jackson Goss - 124FW IG Director of Complaints Resolution

Idaho Air National Guard

Retention Office Manager for the 124th Fighter Wing

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Honorary Commanders travel to IDYCA career day

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Joseph Morgan

Honorary commanders from the 124th Fighter Wing attended career day at the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy in Pierce, Idaho, May 7, 2026.

The 124FW Honorary Commander (HCC) program is a community engagement initiative which pairs business leaders with military units to routinely learn more about and support the 124th FW and Idaho National Guard. IDYCA, another program overseen by the Idaho Military Division, is a quasi-military, residential high school program that emphasizes discipline, ownership and positive motivation.

“As a parent of a child who took advantage of an alternative high school, I was so encouraged and thrilled to visit Idaho Youth Challenge Academy,” said Natalie Plummer, a 124FW HCC and creator of Hello Meridian and The Boise Bubble Podcast. “Not every student’s journey is the same. Seeing this

school and their focus to help guide youth back to a healthy and productive path was so hopeful.”

The academy invites business owners and leaders from around the state to attend career day in an effort to expand the student’s opportunities, post graduation. In this case, HCCs learned by serving, offering career advice and interview techniques to these cadets.

“Having our honorary commanders participate in the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy’s Career Day was a valuable opportunity to showcase how the Guard supports our community,” said Col. Ryan Richardson, commander for the 124FW. “And not just through our mission, but through programs that invest in our youth. Engagements like this strengthen our community partnerships and reinforce the importance of staying connected to those we serve.”

Since its inception in 2014, IDYCA has graduated over 2,500 students.

“Having the opportunity to visit the IDYCA and engage with students was one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve had in my career,” said Alex LaBeau, 124FW HCC and president for the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry. “Everyone in Idaho should know about IDYCA and the impact it’s having on young people.”

According to Melissa Brouwers, IDYCA program director, the RAND National Security Research Division indicates that those who complete the program are 92% more likely to finish high-school or get their GED than their at-risk peers.

IDYCA is not advertised as a boot camp, detention or treatment facility.

“It’s an academy for young people who want to accelerate their potential in a disciplined environment, free of distractions under experienced leadership,” said LaBeau.

While the Academy operates under the Idaho Military Division, its success depends heavily on broad community support and engagement. These partnerships bring in outside perspectives and opportunities that help expand cadets’ horizons, Brouwers said.

“Having the Idaho Air National Guard and its honorary commanders come out is a big deal to our students,” said Brouwers. “It’s one thing for us to encourage them. But when the Idaho Military Division and the surrounding community shows up in support, the students' confidence skyrockets. This involvement is key to ensuring they feel supported and succeed when they return home.”

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT IDYCA VISIT

[idyouthchallenge.com](https://www.idyouthchallenge.com)




IDAHO GUARD TAKES 2025 CHAPLAIN ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR

Story by Maj. Rebecca Solosabal and photo by Tech. Sgt. Joseph Morgan

The chaplain corps not only provided a place where 1st Lt. Pablo Moreno felt at home in the military, but is a place where he is thriving and helping others do the same, as evidenced by his recent recognition of being named the 2025 Chaplain Assistant of the Year for the Air National Guard, which he was awarded prior to commissioning.

Moreno, who is now a full-time chaplain with the Idaho Air National Guard's 124th Fighter Wing in Boise, Idaho, garnered the title of Best Chaplain Assistant last summer as he was closing out that portion of his career and preparing to commission and transition to the role of chaplain.



“What a great bow to put over my chaplain assistant career to end it with,” said Moreno, who received notification of the award by phone just as he was going to meet with an Airman who was struggling.

“I was surprised to be honest because I felt like my whole career all I have been doing is seeking to do my best in whatever is going on in my life. And I have gone through some hard times too, but I’ve always had the mentality of ‘do your best,’ and it has paid off. I don’t do what I do for recognition; I just do it because I love what I do.”

Although religious work had been a part of his life — serving as a lay pastor and Elder in his church, as well as a volunteer chaplain for the Boise State men’s basketball team, which he has been doing for nine years — his military chaplain career is one that almost didn’t happen.

Moreno explains that he was a weapons Airman for six years and was planning to finish his military career as that commitment came to a close.

“After my first six, I was going to call it good,” said Moreno. “I was approached by the chaplain corps chaplains at the time, who said Pablo give us a chance, at least re-up for one year ... because they knew what I had done on the outside as a pastor and a sports chaplain. So, I decided to re-up for one year during the COVID times, but it was enough of a perspective to see this is where I wanted to be.”

In May 2021 as a senior airman, Moreno was brought out full time to serve the wing. Since that time he has continued to provide support, such as: plan Strong Bond events to help military families strengthen their relationships, conduct shop leadership events, and offer crisis counseling, whether it's personal, relationship or financial. As Moreno climbed through the ranks, he became an integral part of the wing. In January 2023, his commander suggested that he become a chaplain, so he acted

immediately. Starting the process that very month, he later earned his Master of Divinity degree in October 2024.

These types of impacts and growth are what the Military Chaplains Association, a congressionally recognized organization that is dedicated to the advocacy and professional excellence of military chaplains, look for when recognizing deserving chaplains and chaplain assistants. Each year they recognize religious affairs specialists from the active-duty, reserve, and guard components of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Calvin P. Titus Distinguished Service Award was presented to then Technical Sgt. Pablo Moreno by the Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force at a ceremony with all other branch award winners. The celebratory ceremony with other members who have a like-minded spirit is a memory Moreno appreciates, and it’s his day-to-day work with wing leadership and guardsmen for which he is forever thankful.

“This has been the best job I’ve ever had. I worked at a church for 10 years, a faith-based non-profit for five years, and the last five years — being here — has been the best gig I’ve ever had,” said Moreno of his work with the wing. “I love the camaraderie, the support. It’s a very family environment ... I love our team. I generally wouldn’t be where I’m at without their support and encouragement.

“My favorite part about being part of the chaplain corps is just serving the people,” said Moreno. “To come alongside folks in their bad times and good times, to be there to help them ... I feel like my job is to come alongside people and give them hope.”



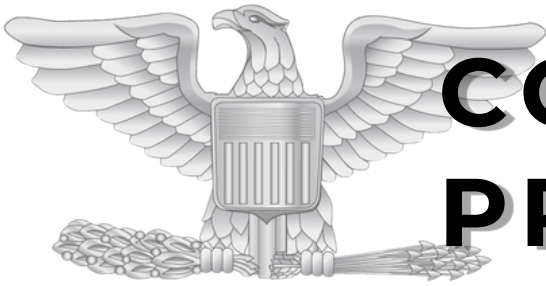
IN MEMORY OF MAJ. STONE

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On March 25, members of the 124th Air Support Operations Squadron—past and present—joined families and teammates for a memorial 5K to honor Maj. Greg Stone, a tactical air control party officer and member of the 124th ASOS who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Maj. Stone passed away on this date in 2003 from injuries sustained in a grenade attack.

The run wasn't about pace or time. It was about remembering a teammate, honoring a legacy, and standing together as a community that never forgets.



COLONEL PROMOTIONS



124th Mission Support Group Commander
Col. Tim Gannon



Idaho Air National Guard Joint Staff
Col. Kathryn Romano

STUDENT FLIGHT HS GRADS



High school senior members of the 124th Fighter Wing Student Flight pose for a group photo with Idaho Air National Guard recruiters at Gowen Field, Idaho, May 9, 2026. Student Flight instructors and recruiters recognized graduating seniors with custom graduation stoles in celebration of their academic achievements and commitment to military service. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mercedee Wilds)

124th Hosts **SPEARS** **COURSE**



Story and photos by
Master Sgt. Mercedes Wilds

Emergency management Airmen from the 124th Civil Engineer Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard, participated in the SPEARS course, Specialized Personnel and Equipment for Austere Reconnaissance and Surveillance course, February 26, 2026, at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.

This course was conducted in partnership with tactical air control party specialists from the 124th Air Support Operations Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard, and UH-60 Blackhawks from the Idaho Army National Guard, 1-183rd Aviation Battalion.

SPEARS prepares emergency management Airmen to operate in contested or degraded environments where traditional transportation methods may not be available and is centered on developing a process to sling load MRZR vehicles, a lightweight tactical off-road vehicle used for mobility in austere environments.

“This training initiative presents the most effective solution for re-establishing this vital capability,” said Master Sgt. Jacob Davis, Emergency Management craftsman and course facilitator. “Prior to this course, there was no internal sling load plan, nor were there trained or certified personnel to execute sling load operations within emergency management.”

By developing the ability to transport MRZR vehicles via helicopter sling load, emergency management personnel gain greater flexibility in how they move equipment and respond across the battlefield.

The training brought together multiple units, including the 124th ASOS’s TACP Airmen and the Army 1-183rd Aviation Battalion, creating a joint environment that mirrored real-world operational conditions.

“It’s always good to cross pollinate and spread knowledge,” said Staff Sgt. Josh Lapooh, TACP specialist.

TACP Airmen supported the course by assisting with the training, vehicle rigging and coordinating with helicopter crews during the sling load operations.

“The likelihood that any one of us is operating solely on our own is less than realistic,” Davis said. “Working closely with joint partners and sister services is a testament to what a real forward operation would most likely look like.” During this training, clear communication proved essential, particularly during night operations when visibility is limited and aircrews rely on night vision systems.

“Coordination between the air and ground is a critical aspect in any mission,” Lapooh said. “In sling loading operations, making sure the air crew knows where the load is going to be and how the ground crew is going to communicate with the bird are crucial.”

The MRZR platform presented unique challenges because sling load procedures had to be developed specifically for the vehicle.



Conducting the operations at night added another layer of complexity.

“Any time you do anything like this at night it adds an element of difficulty,” Davis said. “You’re dealing with limited visibility, aircrews operating under night vision, wind conditions, and coordinating multiple teams all at once.”

Despite the challenges, the course successfully trained multiple emergency management personnel and validated procedures for future sling load operations.

For Davis, who helped coordinate the training, the successful completion of the course represented months of planning and collaboration.

“This was a monumental success for something that took several months to put together,” Davis said. “We were able to bring together emergency managers, TACPs, pilots and crew chiefs to accomplish this training safely.”

Beyond restoring a critical capability, the course also strengthened trust between the air and ground teams responsible for executing the mission.

“A lot of the success of this training came down to trust,” Davis said. “You have to trust the person standing next to you on the ground, and you have to trust the aircrew hovering a helicopter just feet above you.”

The SPEARS course is expected to serve as a foundation for future training and helps expand emergency management’s role in supporting agile combat employment operations.



Idaho Air National Guard

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM

The Airmen & Family Readiness Program (AFRP) serves as a one-stop information and referral center for single, married, active-duty, Guard, Reserves, civilians who work on base, and retired members as well as their families. One of its major functions is to ensure personnel and their families are connected with the appropriate service on and off site.

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- Helped Airmen evacuate from the MiddleEast earlier this year
- \$1M in emergency disaster relief for those stationed at Guam affected by typhoon
- Rent assistance during government shutdown



TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN



I'm Lt. Col. Jessica Gruver Koefod, one of this year's unit project officers for the Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign.

The AFAF Campaign starts 21 April 2026 here at Gowen and supports four charities. These are the four official charities of the Department of the Air Force because they are For Airmen & Guardians, By Airmen & Guardians. That's our motto, and that's a fact. If it weren't for our predecessors in the Air & Space Force going back to 1942, taking care of our own, these charities would not be here.

The AFAF Charities assist Airmen, Guardians, and their family members with emergency assistance, educational scholarships, base/community programs, in-home care for surviving spouses of our retirees, and providing a home to those surviving spouses who otherwise could not afford housing. These are important lanes of assistance for our Department of the Air Force family; and it's important that my team and I tell you all about them in the coming weeks. We'll then ask you to consider joining us in giving today, since it's possible any one of us could be making the call for assistance tomorrow.

So, let's pay it forward and support the four charities that will be there for us, and for our families, throughout our careers and beyond. Visit our base AFAF Campaign page today at 124th Gowen AFAF.

Invite your friends and family to help us meet our squadron, base and Department of the Air Force goals this year!!

Thank you, in advance, from the four charities we support, and for the tens of thousands of Airmen and Guardians being assisted by the charities every single year!

NOTICE: This message is regarding our annual Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign, which is a 'by us, for us' type campaign, directed towards our Airmen, Guardians, Retirees and their family members who are eligible to benefit from the assistance provided by the four official and affiliate charities of the Department of the Air Force. As this information goes out to the entire base population, we want to remind our non-retiree civilians and contractors that they are not the intended target audience of AFAF Campaign solicitations. Realizing that many are veterans and all are part of the larger Department of the Air Force community who may have an interest in contributing to the campaign as well, we simply offer the guidance that they too are free to voluntarily give to the AFAF Campaign but will not be specifically approached by Campaign key personnel collecting funds. We're all on the same team and no one should feel any pressure to give, nor should anyone feel left out of this great effort to help our fellow Airmen and Guardians and their families.

124TH FIGHTER WING DIRECTORS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH



ANG DPH PROGRAM

All ANG DPHs are familiar with the active components of a Mental Health Provider's role. DPHs are "Trilingual" - they speak the language of AD/ANG/CIV. They are fully integrated adjuncts to the Guard Medical Unit Team and are subject to routine peer review and care of oversight. Information shared during visits/consults is kept confidential with a few exceptions. Ask your DPH for details.

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Reps for Awareness

Photos by Master Sgt. Mercedee Wilds



Airmen and Soldiers participate in the Reps for Awareness challenge hosted by the Idaho National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, April 24, 2026. The event used partner workouts and physical challenges to raise awareness for sexual assault prevention and support for survivors during Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.



NEW COMMANDERS



124th Communications Flight
Lt. Col. Kristin Daigle



124th Civil Engineer Squadron
Maj. Jared Breuker



124th Air Support Operations Squadron
Maj. Jay Kearney